

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

The goal of the federal laws governing communications technology has been to protect the public interest, yet so far we have not seen how this interest has been protected.

Recently, 700 WLW radio, which is a ClearChannel station, ran a series of ads that denegated the fundamental dignity of human beings, threatening to "round up the bums" in Cincinnati and ship them off to the wealthier suburbs. They noted that they would lure them in with cheap wine in paper bags. How is this upholding the obligation of the public interest?

ClearChannel also has been at the fore of censoring artists from the playlists of radio stations that have taken controversial stands against the US war in Iraq. The public interest is upheld when diverse viewpoints are allowed to flourish, but apparently not to ClearChannel. Take a look at the radio stations across the country that ClearChannel owns, that have a talk format, and see for yourself the diversity of opinions that ClearChannel will allow. You will find that those of the right dominate. This neither supports the public interest nor does it a responsible use of the PUBLIC AIRWAVES!

Perhaps if the FCC would have held more than one hearing on this, you would have heard the pleas of millions of American who are fed up with the consolidation of media in the past seven years.

Respectfully,

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